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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria and Saint Lucia*: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/105 of 20 December 1993, in which it urged the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to continue to strengthen its activities in the areas of research, training and information aimed at mainstreaming gender in development strategies and giving women greater visibility by evaluating their contribution to social and economic development as important means of empowering women and improving their status; emphasized the unique function of the Institute as the only entity within the United Nations system devoted exclusively to research and training for the integration of women in development, and stressed the importance of making its research findings available for policy purposes and for operational activities,

Recalling also its resolution 48/111 of 20 December 1993, in which it recognized the importance of adequate preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1995, and the role therein of the Institute,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

Taking into consideration that, in its resolution 1994/30 of 27 July 1994, the Economic and Social Council reiterated the importance of maintaining the level of resources devoted to independent research and related training activities which are crucial for the situation of women,

Emphasizing that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1994/51 of 3 November 1994, stressed the urgent need for appropriate leadership and staffing for the Institute so that it could continue to comply with its mandate,

Taking into account that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1994/51 of 3 November 1994, emphasized that the advancement of women should be an integral part of the economic and social development process within the main global issues, such as women's participation in the peace process, in national and international governance, sustainable development and gender equality,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111; 1/

2. Also takes note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

3. Reiterates the importance of maintaining the level of resources devoted to independent research and related training activities which are crucial for the situation of women;

4. Calls upon States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute, through voluntary contributions and pledges, to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus enabling the Institute to continue to respond effectively to its mandate;

5. Urges the Secretary-General to appoint, as expeditiously as possible, a Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and to fill the existing vacancies in order to permit the Institute to carry out its mandate;

6. Also urges the Secretary-General to take appropriate actions for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/111, Economic and Social Council resolutions E/1994/30 and E/1994/51 of 3 November 1994 and the present resolution;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report on this question to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session under the item entitled "Advancement of Women".

1/ A/49/217-E/1994/103.

2/ A/49/365-E/1994/119.